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Subject: RE: Donlin Gold Project - Update



Good afternoon,
Mark and I spoke this morning and I would like to provide some clarification regarding the message below. My participation in the meeting with Dan Graham was quite brief as I had other conflicts - but during that time we did not discuss or recommend that Donlin continue scheduled meetings with the RA or Office Directors. To the best of my knowledge there has never been routine scheduled meetings at the RA/Office Director level. What was recommended was that Donlin continue to work with the Agencies, the COE, EPA, USFWS, etc. to ensure adequate information is provided, particularly regarding 404, and that meetings and information are shared among all the agencies to have the best possible communication and decision process. Mark captures this messaging in the last sentence below. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Greetings Everyone,
Dianne and I had a good meet and greet with Dan Graham this morning.
Since there is new management at Donlin Gold LLC, including the replacement of Stan Foo, General Manager with Andy Coles, we encouraged Donlin to continue quarterly meetings with our Regional Administrator or in the absence of one, our Acting RA – Michelle Pirzadeh, and Office Directors.
Since we have new managers in EPA, as well, if you would like me to set up a meet and greet on the VTC, please let me know. Dan is open to meeting with EPA managers and staff. We spent a fair amount of time discussing the EPA personnel involved with the Donlin Gold Project.
Dan also mentioned that the USFWS was preparing an evaluation of mitigation projects in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Rivers region to support the Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Plan (WCMP) and would be sharing this with Donlin in a meeting. Can EPA also provide a list of recommendations for compensatory mitigation?
When we have a chance to review the WCMP, this may be a good opportunity for a sit down meeting with Donlin. We encouraged Donlin to convene a meeting with all cooperating agencies, and not just with the Corps to discuss compensatory mitigation.

Thanks
Mark

From: Jen, Mark
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Greetings Everyone,
I contacted Dan Graham, Permitting Manager for Donlin Gold LLC (Patty’s successor). I asked him about the status of the Wetlands

Compensatory Mitigation Plan and the Human Health Risk Assessment.

Human Health Risk Assessment, Dan indicated that they plan to receive a draft document from the contractor on Friday. Donlin wants one week to review and provide comments to the contractor and then have the contractor make the final changes. Donlin plans to have the HHRA available June 30.

Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Plan. Dan indicated they were having challenges reaching agreement on preservation easements, so they are looking at specific projects for restoration, enhancement, etc. They are meeting with the USFWS to discuss options. He would like to meet with EPA to discuss options and potential projects that would be acceptable to compensate for the wetland impacts. Can we start developing a recommendation list of options/projects for Donlin to assist them in the development of the CMP?

Matt – I have a coffee meeting with Dan tomorrow at 10:30 am downstairs in the cafeteria. Would you be available to meet with Dan, as well? (I see you are out in training all week).

Thanks



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